

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 3253 - SB 4024**

February 14, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all public secondary schools to offer a mandatory program of instruction in driver's education. Requires state board to establish curriculum and guidelines for driver's education.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$31,160,700**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000,000**

#### Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education, driver's education programs will be fully funded by the state and not funded under the BEP. No local expenditures will be required.
- Driver's education is currently offered as an elective in grades 10-12. Electives are not taught by full-time driver's education teachers. In FY08-09, it is estimated that there will be 166,096 students in grades 10-12. Each grade will have an estimated 55,365 students ( $166,096/3 = 55,365$ ). Each driver's education class will be limited to 15 students per class period.
- Driver's education will be a one-semester course taught five periods a day. 369 teachers required ( $55,365 \text{ students} / 15 \text{ per class} / 5 \text{ periods a day} / 2 \text{ semesters} = 369$ ).
- Average salary will be \$38,000. 369 teachers will cost \$14,022,000 for salary ( $\$38,000 \times 369 = \$14,022,000$ ). FICA and retirement = 21.27% = \$2,982,500. Insurance per teacher will be approximately \$1,705,500 ( $\$4,622 \text{ per teacher} \times 369 = \$1,705,500$ ). Cost for salary plus benefits is estimated to be \$18,710,000 ( $\$14,022,000 + \$2,982,500 + \$1,705,500 = \$18,710,000$ ).
- Liability insurance, gas, and other classroom supplies will cost approximately \$250 per student ( $\$250 \times 55,365 = \$13,841,250$ ).
- According to DOE, two new state positions will be needed to administer the program at a total cost of \$109,400 for salary and benefits.
- Currently, a portion of LEA driver's education costs is funded through a portion of criminal and civil state litigation fees that total approximately

\$1,500,000 per year. Money is divided among the approximately 80-85 counties that currently provide driver's education. This money will still be available as a supplement to additional state expenditures. Currently, LEAs that provide driver's education incur all costs above the supplemental payment. It is assumed that shifting to state funding will result in a decrease in LEA expenditures exceeding \$1,000,000.

- Total cost for driver's education in 2008-2009 will be \$32,660,650 (\$18,710,000 + \$13,841,250 + \$109,400 = \$32,660,650). \$32,660,650 minus the \$1,500,000 supplement would be \$31,160,650 (\$32,660,650 - \$1,500,000 = \$31,160,650).
- LEAs not providing driver's education will implement such a program in the 2008-2009 school year.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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